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LATEST WAR NEWS.

Nothing Reliable—No Battles—All Expectancy—Peace Hints.

There is absolutely nothing reliable in the war news, from the fact that the government allows nothing officially to be given out. All the reports of battles this week proved to be false.

The newspapers have no positive information as to the whereabouts of the Spanish fleet, but it is reasonably certain that they are in Santiago de Cuba harbor, and that the American fleet has been hemmed in so they must sooner or later fight or surrender.

Dewey is all right at Manila. Troops and supplies are on the way to him, and more to follow. The American fleet has 75,000 more volunteers, 112,000 of the first called have been mustered in. Every preparation is going on for the invasion of Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines.

A great battle is liable to occur any hour, but the people should not credit any report except officially authorized from Washington.

From London comes the news of Spain's interfering through the Powers for peace.

A Long War.

Many knowings one are beginning to predict a long war, lasting from one to several years, and they give many reasons to support this prediction. They think it is manifestly certain that the United States policy of Spain to wage an evasive war, that is to avoid any general engagements by land or sea, but for the reason that she is not able to fight the United States in a decisive battle, and for the further reason that if she can protract the war for one year, or two years, the great powers will tire of the interruption of general commerce, and take steps to bring about peace.

And then on the American side the approach of the winter season in Cuba, the danger from the onset of landing great bodies of soldiers there, and the almost certainty of passing transportation facilities to all our Southern towns and cities, would be very much in favor of not crossing over our soldiers to occupy Cuba until late this fall. To be sure, if Spanish troops should meet and destroy the Spanish fleet as Dewey did at Manila, then the war would end quickly, but otherwise it promises to be protracted for one year.

Spain in the Philippines grows as big as a telephone pole. If any Kentucky editor has joined the army he is drilling under an alias.

The prison commission case will be argued before the court of appeals June 1st.

The Republicans of Tennessee will nominate a ticket at Nashville, August 1st.

The heavy expenditures for war material, putting millions in circulation, will introduce an era of prosperity.

We don't want Cuba, nor Porto Rico, nor the Philippines, nor have we any use for Hawaii, only as war necessities.

They take a cheerful view in Madrid of the failure of the Spaniards to keep Cervera out of Cuba. A dispatch says, "It is now believed the Americans feel in order to adopt a reserve."

GEN. LEE has carried out the sentimental idea of having Gen. Grant's grandson, Gen. George Grant, on his staff. His own son, Pittsburg Lee, Jr., will also be one of his staff officers.

The State Baptist Association will hold its annual meeting in Knoxville on June 1st and 2nd, continuing several days. The Baptist ministers will meet on June 10 and 11. Over 400 delegates will attend.

Our Kentucky volunteers are kicking because they have nothing but bread and butter for pay. Scientists say a corpse will keep longer when charged in salt than in any other fluid, and this fact was probably adopted so our boys can be shipped home after the battle is over.

This is from the Louisville Dispatch: "Boys, if you want to get into the army, or in other words, the services of men are needed, stop waiting your nerve force and vitality on the dead end of a cigarette. There will be need for men before the war is over, and you may brace up and get in."

The Kentucky Press Association will meet this year in the city of Cincinnati on the first of July, and at that point will hold its business meeting. On the eve of the second of August, the "gang" will leave for the C. & E. D. of Detroit where they will take the late steam for Mackinac and at that delightful summer resort they will remain for several days recuperating and enjoying a much needed rest.

Pen Keys Again.

The Pen Key, in Convention at Princeton, nominated Ben C. Keys for Congress in this District. The platform is strict Middle-of-the-Road. Keys has been the Pen Key nominee several times, and is a well informed man on the Pen Key issue and contentions.

Lord Woolsey's Hint.

Lord Woolsey, the commander in chief of the English army, expresses his open sympathy for the United States in the war with Spain, and also that the American soldiers have no superior in the world; but adds that the United States is lucky in not being at war with a first class naval power. Public opinion in this country has realized the truth of this criticism, for it is evident that our small navy could not successfully meet the greater guns and ships of the Spanish fleet.

Foreign Intervention.

The best evidence to the average citizen's mind that the European powers are not going to interfere actively on the side of Spain against the United States is the fact that the leading powers of Europe, England, Russia, Germany and France, are each seeking to administer the relations with the United States. There is little doubt but that the friendship of the people of Germany, France, Austria and Italy is on the side of the United States, and is largely true in Russia, but the governments of all these countries are in the attitude of making friendly overtures to the United States. The facts appear to be that each and all of these countries have their own international difficulties, and they at least do not want to do anything to cause the United States to side with their enemy. And, besides, their trade, commerce and business is immense.

Miracles in War.

An over-zealous and impatient public are to expect something like miracles in war. The great victory of Dewey, without discrediting that great commander, was something like a miracle, that is, it might not occur again in a war of years. But it is the belief of the United States to expect victories of the same kind and magnitude, as when Sampson and Schley, in fact, they have won a great battle every day, and no doubt on our side.

Our successes in war so far have been more than any nation similarly situated ever did in the same length of time before. Yet there is a general feeling of disappointment among the people. Why? Simply because we have been boasting too much, and have gotten our people into assuming we could do things in a moment that cannot be accomplished in a month.

AN ENGLISH SPEAKING ALLIANCE.

An American alliance favored by the London Chronicle, it says: These are the days of a solid and deserved success of the American arms do not alter, though they may reinforce our views as to the expediency of preparing for the closer relations between the English and the American people. We are traces of a desire in high places at Washington to ally the Philippines in the far East. That policy would certainly evoke no jealousy in England. As we have said ourselves, the country does not expect the islands, and indeed, her interests, as we have seen, are not shared, lead her rather to the north than to the southward of Hong Kong. For America the problem is not one of responsibility for a governed race, which have fallen away from their loyalty and all mercenary interests. Meanwhile we welcome the warm words in which Sir William Harcourt, at Cambridge, pledged the liberal party to "sympathy for the side that looks for, let them put the responsibility the reasons why we are, as in heart with the American people in the struggle, whatever the force of events may bring." If we understand and maintain that it is not a matter of aggression nor for territorial aggrandizement, but in the same zeal for the independence of a solid and deserved success of the American arms do not alter, though they may reinforce our views as to the expediency of preparing for the closer relations between the English and the American people. We are traces of a desire in high places at Washington to ally the Philippines in the far East. That policy would certainly evoke no jealousy in England. As we have said ourselves, the country does not expect the islands, and indeed, her interests, as we have seen, are not shared, lead her rather to the north than to the southward of Hong Kong. For America the problem is not one of responsibility for a governed race, which have fallen away from their loyalty and all mercenary interests. Meanwhile we welcome the warm words in which Sir William Harcourt, at Cambridge, pledged the liberal party to "sympathy for the side that looks for, let them put the responsibility the reasons why we are, as in heart with the American people in the struggle, whatever the force of events may bring." If we understand and maintain that it is not a matter of aggression nor for territorial aggrandizement, but in the same zeal for the independence of a solid and deserved success of the American arms do not alter, though they may reinforce our views as to the expediency of preparing for the closer relations between the English and the American people.

A WISE REGULATION.

It is rather hard upon the newspapers and the public, but the order of the Secretary of the Navy forbidding the giving out of any news from the Navy Department, except such as he shall authorize to be published, is undoubtedly a wise one. There are some thoughtless persons who may say that the servants of the people should have no secrets from them, but there are times when secrecy on the part of public officials is absolutely necessary to the fulfillment of their purposes. Nothing could be more unwise than to place the protection of this war before the whole American people, for in such case they would immediately pass their own judgment on less than twenty months will be required to end the war finally. Why permit the knowledge of the Spanish fleet to be derived from his official residence in Madrid, state that judgment on less than twenty months will be required to end the war finally. Why permit the knowledge of the Spanish fleet to be derived from his official residence in Madrid, state that judgment on less than twenty months will be required to end the war finally.

So we must reconcile ourselves to what really is the desire of the United States Navy, and believe that three years will be required to settle the matter. The Navy Department is not to be recognized as an authority on naval matters, this opinion cannot be regarded lightly.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

We regret to see any opposition to a proper appropriation to meet the expenses of the American exhibit at the Paris Exposition. If the war ends in the next few months, no delay must wait patiently for our delayed triumph.

A RACE PROBLEM.

If we annex Hawaii and the Philippines, which policy seems to be growing in popularity in this country since Dewey's victory at Manila, there would be a new race question to consider. The Boston Herald, speaking of the subject, says:

"More than this, by the annexation of Hawaii we would be introducing into our midst a new race problem. The Hawaiian people, a people of a different color, and with a different language, and with a different culture, would be brought into contact with the American people, and a new race problem would be created."

The United States and England are already and actively drifting to war. The line is not so much in the air as it is in the water.

Now, what was at first but a suggestion, with scarcely a line of argument, is now a full-fledged war, and is being earnestly considered by the leading men of the two great countries, and more so by the English statesmen.

Englishmen prominent public men and leading newspapers have thrown aside all reserve and are now openly and actively advocating the alliance.

PROSPERITY OF THE FARMERS.

One has but to look about him to see the signs of prosperity that every week becoming more noticeable among the farmers. They are happy and contented, and are no longer a sad and doubtful set of men in the country.

The product of the soil is bringing far prices, the corn is bringing a good price, the wheat is not likely to remain at its present price, and the cotton is bringing a price that is not likely to remain at its present price.

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A GREATER COURAGE.

"It sometimes requires more courage to stay at home than to go to war. Many a man, who is called upon to stay at home, is not likely to remain at his post, and is not likely to remain at his post, and is not likely to remain at his post."

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WHAT IS A LADY?

And What is a Gentleman? "What is a lady?" "What is a gentleman?" Some one asked these questions of the New York Herald, and the Herald, in its paper, the definitions of the paper's readers were submitted. Prices of \$25, \$150, \$750 and \$80 were awarded for answers to these questions. The prize answers follow:

WHAT IS A LADY?

A lady is a woman of refinement, whose mind is as broad as her shoulders, and whose heart is as true as steel. She is a woman who is not afraid to stand up for her principles, and who is not afraid to stand up for her principles, and who is not afraid to stand up for her principles.

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WAR'S COST AND PROGRESS.

War has cost the United States from the time of the declaration of hostilities to the present time \$2,500,000 a day, and there have been not more than three really serious engagements. But preparation expenses are equal to, if they do not exceed, the outlay required during heavy battles. Most of the purchasing for the government has been done in the open market and at prices fixed by the sellers. There has not been time to advertise for proposals to furnish the goods, and consequently an enormous expenditure is compelled by the handling of about 100,000 men, who, according to the present plans of the government, will soon be actively engaged in the war against Spain. Then the cost of ammunition, food and clothing for the army, to say nothing of the purchase of auxiliary vessels, has made heavy demands on the government.

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